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BY ECF

Hon. James Orenstein
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: *JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. v. Synchrony Bank, et al.*
Case No. 20-CV-2162 (RRM) (JO)

Dear Magistrate Judge Orenstein:

This firm represents plaintiff JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("Chase") in the above-entitled action. I write to request that Chase be relieved of the meet and confer obligation under Rule 26(f) and to be excused from appearing at the initial discovery planning conference scheduled in this matter for September 1, 2020.

Chase commenced this interpleader action to resolve the competing claims of the defendants to funds on deposit with Chase. On July 16, 2020, Chase filed its motion for an order directing Chase to deposit the funds at issue into the Registry of the Court and discharging Chase from any further liability with respect to those funds. [ECF Nos. 15-18.] Defendants did not oppose the motion, which was deemed submitted to Judge Mauskopf for decision as of August 3, 2020. [See Minute Order entered July 16, 2020.] While as of the present time, no order has been entered on Chase's motion, Chase has no intention of seeking discovery in this action. Any discovery from Chase that the defendants may seek in this matter can be obtained by non-party subpoena.

I have conferred with counsel for the defendants and they have no objection to Chase's request. Chase requests the Court's permission not to engage in the Rule 26(f) meet and confer process and to be excused from appearing at the September 1, 2020 conference.

I thank the Court for its consideration of Chase's request.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Robin L. Alperstein
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